

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

KATIA MERAZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katia Meraz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katia Meraz is a 10th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katia Meraz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katia Meraz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING ANTHONY
DEFFENBAUGH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Anthony Deffenbaugh. Anthony is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 865, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Anthony has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Anthony has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Anthony has earned the rank of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Anthony has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Anthony redesigned the trailer for the Blue Springs High School marching band, including the welding, fabricating and assembly of the parts needed to properly protect the instruments during transportation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Anthony Deffenbaugh for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on March 11, 2014, I was absent for rollcall vote 116. Had I been present for rollcall vote 116, on passage of H.R. 3979, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING PAST AND CURRENT
AFRICAN AMERICAN UNITED
STATES SENATORS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our past and current African American Senators.

Following the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, and beginning with the Reconstruction Era of our great nation, nine African Americans have served in the upper chamber of the United States Congress. Yet, the 113th Congress marked the first time in our nation's history that two African Americans served concurrently in the Senate.

In celebration of Black History Month, U.S. Senator TIM SCOTT of South Carolina brought together a panel of past and present African American Senators. The Honorable James H. Billington, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, the Honorable Roland Burris, the Honorable William "Mo" Cowan, as well as newly elected Senator COREY BOOKER discussed their individual paths to Congress. In their deliveries, it was clear that we have come a long way. Each of their unique stories represents the progress that this country has made.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Senator SCOTT for hosting such an important event. It was truly an honor to be in attendance.

KARLA LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karla Lopez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Karla Lopez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Karla Lopez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and

develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Karla Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of February 24, 2014. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 63, H.R. 1211, "yea"; rollcall No. 64, H.R. 1123, "yea"; rollcall No. 65, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule, "nay"; rollcall No. 66, H. Res. 487, "no"; rollcall No. 67, H.R. 1944, "yea"; rollcall No. 68, Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 3865, "yea"; rollcall No. 69, Final Passage of H.R. 3865, "no"; rollcall No. 70, Agreeing to the Polis of Colorado Amendment to the Title, "aye"; rollcall No. 71, Rothfus/Barr Amendment, "no"; rollcall No. 72, Connolly Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 73, Jackson-Lee Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 74, Jackson-Lee/Johnson Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 75, George Miller/Courtney Amendment No. 10, "aye"; rollcall No. 76, George Miller/Courtney Amendment No. 11, "aye."

Rollcall No. 77, Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2804, "aye"; rollcall No. 78, Final Passage of H.R. 2804, "no"; rollcall No. 79, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule, "nay"; rollcall No. 80, H. Res. 492, "no"; rollcall No. 81, Rigell Amendment, "no"; rollcall No. 82, DeSantiis Amendment, "no"; rollcall No. 83, Moore Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 84, Motion to Recommit H.R. 3193, "aye"; rollcall No. 85, Final Passage of H.R. 3193, "no"; rollcall No. 86, Cummings Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 87, Connolly Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 88, Jackson-Lee Amendment, "aye"; rollcall No. 89, Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 899, "aye"; rollcall No. 90, Final Passage of H.R. 899, "no."

HONORING JACK KNIPP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jack Knipp. Jack is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 865, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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